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Dear Harold,

I read your letter of January 28th with great interest and much concern. Somehow it doesn't seem right or just to find that you're having health troubles. I have learned the hard way - through much recent personal experience that age catches up with us all and with it come the ills that flesh is heir to. But somehow I believed that my dear long-time friend Harold, the indomitable worker and fighter, would be immune to that human foible. So it comes as a sorrowful shock to hear of your health troubles. I do hope that they, unlike all your other troubles and battles and crusades, will turn out to be unremarkable instead of, larger than life. And if Freda and I and Nancy can be of help in any way in helping you overcome them, please do let us know. We do have doctor friends we trust implicitly both as medical experts and as human beings. And we can be of some at least small help if you do have serious

money problems.

I hope, later this year, to have time to read the two books you sent me. If so, I'll let you have my reactions. But time slips very fast for me. Although I will be passing 65 in a little over 2 months I have no plans to retire. I'll continue to try for work with the judge for, according to my plans, another two years. So I'm postponing receiving any payment on my ADL pension, about $6000 per year, to May 1978. And of course if I continue to work I'll get nothing from Social Security. Instead I'll be paying in and, I presume, upping the benefit I'll finally receive. And I'll also be upping the New York State pension for which I become eligible when I reach 65. That, too, will increase & perhaps over $3000 per year if I continue working.

But I feel no need nor desire to retire. Neither does Freda. So we'll continue working for the next couple of years provided we stay sufficiently healthy to do so.

Meanwhile everything goes on and we, by and large, enjoy life. Let's keep in touch

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